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SUBJECT: US-CANADIAN MEAT TRADE

1. AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 19 BETWEEN CANADIAN AND US DELEGATIONS HEADED BY MINISTER WHELAN AND SECRETARY BUTZ, RESPECTIVELY, US AND CANADA HAVE AGREED, SUBJECT TO COMPLETING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS, TO REMOVE SIMULTANEOUSLY CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON BILATERAL TRADE IN BEEF AND VEAL EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 31, 1975.

2. ON DECEMBER 23, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AIDE MEMOIRE FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY CONFIRMING WHELAN-BUTZ UNDERSTANDING THAT CANADA WOULD REMOVE QUOTAS ON US EXPORTS OF BEEF AND VEAL AND ISSUE OPEN GENERAL IMPORT LICENSE, AS WELL AS SUPPLY
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OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF CANADIAN SHIPMENTS TO US FOR 1976.

U.S., IN TURN, WILL REMOVE ITS QUOTAS ON CANADIAN EXPORTS OF BEEF AND VEAL AND INCORPORATE INTO ITS MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 1976 AN ESTIMATE OF IMPORTS FROM CANADA BASED UPON UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET.

3. BOTH PARTIES AGREED THAT, IN EVENT EXPORTS OF EITHER PARTY APPEAR LIKELY TO EXCEED RECIPIENT'S ESTIMATE, PARTIES WILL CONSULT IN ADVANCE OF TAKING OTHER ACTION.

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4. WHILE FOREGOING IS PRIMARILY FOR INFORMATION, ADDRESSEE'S MAY DRAW ON IT AS NECESSARY.

5. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND VIA AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT GOC HAS HELD PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN OTTAWA WITH A VIEW TO SECURING VOLUNTARY LIMITATION OF MEAT EXPORTS TO CANADA BY THESE SUPPLIERS SO THAT CANADIAN QUOTAS MAY BE REMOVED ON THEIR SHIPMENTS ALSO. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL FROM US VIEWPOINT IN OPERATING VOLUNTARY MEAT IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM WE PLAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH PRINCIPLE SUPPLIERS (EXCEPT CANADA) FOR 1976. HOWEVER, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT A CONDITION AFFECTING US-CANADIAN AGREEMENT ON REMOVING QUOTAS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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